

The demand was put to the vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND II—EDUCATION.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 98,420 under Demand II—Education, under the various items given in the list of demands furnished to the members by the Secretary to the Legislative Council. The first item is for Rs. 20 in connection with the appointment of a Smartha teacher in the Sanskrit College.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What are his duties?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): He is expected to teach Yajur Paurohitya. In February 1924, a part-time Smartha teacher on an allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem was appointed in the Sanskrit College to teach Yajur Paurohitya. At that time, it was possible for the Veda teachers to teach also Rig and Sama Paurohitya. Owing to the increased number of classes in the Rig Sakha it is found necessary to relieve the Rig Veda teacher of the work of teaching Paurohitya and entrust it to this Smartha teacher. This necessitates the Smartha teacher being made a full-time officer and it is proposed to create a post on Rs. 25-40 in the place of the part-time post on Rs. 15 per mensem. The extra cost will be Rs. 210 per annum and for two months, that is Edavam and Mithunam 1102, it will be Rs. 20.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the necessity for keeping a Purohit there?

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): He is teaching a useful subject.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the necessity of a Purohit? A Purohit is intended to receive *dakshinas*.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): He is teaching priest-craft.

The second item is Rs. 78,400 for grants-in-aid to schools. Of this amount, Rs. 67,199 is required for maintenance grants to Vernacular schools for boys.

A sum of Rs. 5,34,500 is provided in the current year's budget. To meet the expenditure under current grants-in-aid alone, a further sum of Rs. 14,031 is required. Rs. 12,970 is required for grants sanctioned last year which Managers of schools did not draw before the end of the year and which will have to be disbursed this year. Rs. 14,688 is required for new schools opened in 1102 and Rs. 25,510 for additional classes opened in existing schools making a total of Rs. 67,199 for Vernacular schools for boys. For maintenance grants for Vernacular schools for girls, the sum required is Rs. 7,998-14-0. A sum of Rs. 1,12,000 is provided in the current year's budget. For the schools already in receipt of grant the sum provided is insufficient and a further sum of Rs. 4,118-14-0 is required for these schools alone. For new schools and additional classes opened in existing schools a further sum of Rs. 3,880 is required, making a total for girls' schools of Rs. 7,998-14-0. For grants to special schools the sum required is Rs. 2,000. The sum

provided in the budget for the current year is Rs. 18,000. This sum is insufficient as it is proposed to raise the grants to certain schools which in 1101 owing to lack of funds had their grants decreased. Also new technical schools and Sanskrit schools and additional classes in existing Sanskrit schools have been opened and funds are required for grants-in-aid to them.

The fourth sub-item in the amount of Rs. 78,400 asked for is Rs. 1,195 required for grants-in-aid of stipends to teachers under training. The sum provided in the current year's budget is Rs. 19,000 and it is found that a further sum of Rs. 1,195 is necessary.

The third item is Rs. 20,000 for grant-in-aid for fee concessions made by the Managers of private schools in accordance with G. O. No. 465 of 25/Legislative E. dated the 15th May 1924. The amount provided in the current year's budget is Rs. 45,000 of which Rs. 40,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Inspector of English Schools. Previously applications for fee concessions which had been considered and rejected were not afterwards considered, but Government have ordered that such applications may be re-entertained in subsequent years. The result has been an increase in the number granted of fee concessions and in the demand for grants-in-aid under this head. Of the Rs. 40,000 allowed to the Inspector of English Schools, Rs. 39,740 has already been spent on the award of grants to 24 English High Schools and 49 English Middle Schools. The claims for grants from the remaining 6 English High Schools and 67 English Middle Schools amount to nearly Rs. 20,000 and bills for Rs. 11,000 are already pending in the Inspector's office.

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DEMAND V—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant for Rs. 23,200. The first item is purchase of equipment and clothing for the use of the Excise Department, Rs. 7,000. The second item is transport charges of salt from the South Travancore Factories to Trivandrum and Quilon depots, Rs. 15,500. The third item is postal money order charges for transmission to Devicolum of customs collections in the Karinkulam chowkey, Rs. 700.

The first item as I have said is for equipment and clothing. Under this item a sum of Rs. 13,000 was sanctioned in 1101. But the amount was not wholly expended in that year. A sum of Rs. 5,000 alone could be expended because the articles that were ordered could not be supplied in the same year owing to the coal strike. The cloths were supplied only after the close of the Malabar year.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Was it before the preparation of the budget or after the budget of 1102?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): After the budget. So that, the allotment for 1101 could not be expended in that year. The amount sanctioned for this year is, Rs. 13,000 out of which Rs. 7,000 and odd has already been spent.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why the amount was not spent in 1101?